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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS McKNELLY TO PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Phil McKnelly** of Raleigh to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority.

McKnelly is executive director of the National Association of State Park Directors. He is a member of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association. McKnelly was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at N.C. State University. He received his Bachelor's degree and his Master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. and his Doctorate in resource management from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

The Parks and Recreation Authority receives private and public donations, appropriations, grants and revenues for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. Members work to allocate funds for land acquisitions, repairs and improvements. The authority has 11 members, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints three members. The Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore each appoint four members.

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